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### Idaho 2005 Crop Estimates

Idaho's potato production totaled 117 million cwt, down 11 percent from 2004, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Average yield from the 323,000 harvested acres was 362 cwt per acre.

Idaho's 2005 winter wheat crop totaled 66.4 million bushels from 730,000 harvested acres, up 5 percent from 2004's 63.0 million bushels. The average yield of 91.0 bushels per acre is up 1 bushel from last year and is a record yield for Idaho. Eighty-three percent of 2005's winter wheat production was white wheat, down 1 percentage point from 2004.

The State's spring wheat production totaled 32.4 million bushels from 450,000 harvested acres, down 16 percent from 2004. Average yield of 72.0 bushels per acre was down 7 bushels from 2004. Sixty-three percent of Idaho's spring wheat production was white wheat, up 18 percentage points from 2004.

Idaho's 2005 durum wheat production totaled 1.76 million bushels from 20,000 harvested acres. The average yield for durum was 88.0 bushels per acre.

Barley production in Idaho totaled 52.2 million bushels from 600,000 harvested acres, down 13 percent from last year's production. The average yield of 87.0 bushels per acre was down 5 bushels from 2004.

Oat production, at 1.28 million bushels, was down 11 percent from last year. Producers harvested 20,000 acres and averaged 64.0 bushels per acre.

All dry hay production for Idaho totaled 5.38 million tons from 1.41 million harvested acres. This compares to 5.35 million tons from 1.48 million acres last year. The average dry hay yield for Idaho was 3.82 tons per acre, up from 3.61 tons last year. All haylage and greenchop harvested from 60,000 acres accounted for 510,000 tons. Alfalfa haylage and greenchop harvested from 45,000 acres accounted for 378,000 tons.

Corn harvested for grain totaled 10.2 million bushels, down 20 percent from last year. Acres harvested for grain was 60,000, down 20 percent from 2004. Yield was estimated at 170.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year and matching the record high.

Corn harvested for silage was a record high 4.51 million tons, up 13 percent from last year. Average yield from 170,000 harvested acres matched last year's record high of 26.5 tons per acre.

Dry Bean production totaled 1.86 million cwt, up 14 percent from 2004. Average yield from 98,000 harvested acres was 1,900 pounds per acre, down 200 pounds from 2004.

Idaho sugarbeet production totaled 4.73 million tons, 14 percent below last year's production. Producers harvested 167,000 acres with an average yield of 28.3 tons per acre, 0.4 tons less than last year.

Dry edible pea production in Idaho was estimated at 598,000 cwt, down 36 percent from 2004's production. Average yield from 46,000 harvested acres was 1,300 pounds per acre, down 400 pounds from the previous year.

Idaho's 2005 lentil production totaled 567,000 cwt, down 26 percent from 2004. Average yield from 63,000 harvested acres was 900 pounds per acre, a decrease of 200 pounds from 2004.

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